

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Arizona Public Service Company,)	
El Paso Electric Company,)	
Public Service Company of Colorado ,)	
Public Service Company of New Mexico,)	Docket No. RT01-44-000
Texas-New Mexico Power Company,)	
Tucson Electric Power Company and)	
Desert Star, Inc.)	

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE
OF THE COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

On October 16, 2000, Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Public Service Company of Colorado, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Tucson Electric Power Company and Desert Star, Inc. (collectively, “the filing entities”) made compliance filings pursuant to 18 C.F.R. 35.34(c) and the Commission’s Order 2000. Notice of the filing was given on October 20, 2000, and motions to intervene and protests are due on November 20, 2000. Pursuant to Rules 211 and 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”), 18 C.F.R. §§ 385.211 and 385.214, the Colorado River Commission of the State of Nevada (“CRC”) hereby moves to intervene as a party in the above-captioned proceeding.

The names and addresses of the persons to whom communications concerning this proceeding should be addressed are:

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In support of this Motion, the CRC states as follows:

The CRC is a state agency created by and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) §§ 538.041 to 538.251, inclusive. Pursuant to NRS 538.161(2), 538.181 and 704.987, the CRC provides electric service to certain customers. These customers include five utilities, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, and CRC's "industrial customers": Basic Water Company and the five producing companies comprising the Basic Industrial Complex near Henderson, Nevada. To this end, CRC currently has an agreement with the Western Area Power Administration ("Western") to purchase transmission service. CRC has an interest in understanding whether, and to what extent, this agreement will be impacted by the formation of the Desert Star Independent System Operator ("Desert STAR"). The CRC also purchases power from the marketplace to serve its retail and wholesale customers. To a large extent, the power that CRC purchases comes from the Desert Southwest region. Once Desert STAR is formed, much of the power the CRC buys will continue to originate in the Desert Southwest, within Desert STAR. CRC has an interest in ensuring that Desert Star is truly consistent with the Commission's RTO goals, satisfies the Commission's market power concerns, and will not adversely impact southern Nevada consumers.

These interests of CRC cannot be adequately protected by any other party. Accordingly, the CRC requests that it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding with full rights and party status.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated:
October 31, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document on persons designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

October 31, 2000

Brenda Haymore
An employee of the
Colorado River Commission